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Mrs. Helen Kozeradsky is greeted at New York's Idlewild Airport by her husband, John, and her daughter, Helen, 14, as she returns from Czechoslovakia, where she spent three years in prison on an espionage charge.—AP Wirephoto.

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'Spy' Welcomed Back to U.S.

PASSAIC, N. J., June 25 (AP).—Tears flooded the woman's eyes as she left the airliner. "I'm happy, I'm very happy to be back home," she said, and then she ran to embrace her family.

Mrs. Helen Kozeradsky, 52, had returned to the United States after more than three years in a Communist Czech and Slovakian prison as a spy. She arrived at New York's Idlewild Airport from Prague last night, afraid, a son said, "that nobody would be there to meet her, that she would be alone."

She was startled by newsmen and photographers awaiting her, but then spotted her 14-year-old daughter, Helen. "You've grown up," she cried as she looked at the girl, who now is a head taller than her. Meeting her at the airport were her husband, John, 55, a yesterday

sons, Michael, 23, and John, jr., 22, and Helen.

The reunited family came home to Passaic and held a welcome-home party at the house of friends, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kidwell, who had cared for Helen during her mother's imprisonment.

There, the family ate cake years in a Communist Czech and Slovakian prison as a spy. She arrived at New York's Idlewild Airport from Prague last night, afraid, a son said, "that nobody would be there to meet her, that she would be alone."

"Vas Well Treated" "Mom was so happy she was crying—we were all crying," said Michael. "She just can't believe it's all happened."

We're surprised she's in such wonderful condition, but she's just as if she left only her arrest to purchase items for her furniture store here.

Mrs. Kozeradsky declined to discuss her espionage conviction. Michael said she is to meet with representatives of the State Department about the charges and her imprisonment.

Mrs. Kozeradsky was pardoned by Czech President Antonin Novotny last Tuesday. Representative Charles S. Jochelson, Democrat of New Jersey, had been active in trying to obtain her release after family appeals to him, to President Kennedy and to the State Department.

She had been arrested May 27, 1960, while visiting her native Czechoslovakia, and sentenced to 25 years imprisonment for spying. The sentence later was reduced to 10 years. Specific charges against her never were made public.

Mrs. Kozeradsky made seven business trips to Czechoslovakia between 1957 and the time of her arrest. "It's just as if she left only her arrest to purchase items for her furniture store here."

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